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FOR: Display Device Utilizing a Plurality of Adjoining Display Panels to Form
Single Display Screen and Methods Related Thereto

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified one-(1) month period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner provided that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct invention. Specifically, the claims are directed to three (3) distinct species: Group I including claims 2-6, 15-19, 27, 36-40 drawn to LCD devices, Group II including claim 32 drawn to plasma devices and Group III including claim 33 drawn to electroluminescent devices.

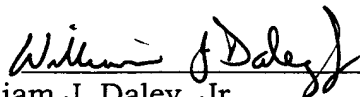
Accordingly, Applicant was requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect the invention to which prosecution on the merits will be restricted. In this regard, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, which includes claims drawn to LCD devices, presently embodied in claims 2-6, 15-19, 27, 36-40.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,
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